

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Applicants have amended the claims to take only subject matter indicated in the Office Action as being allowable. Thus, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, claims 14, 22, 42, 58, and 59 each was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but the Office Action indicated each would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14, 22, 42, 58 and 59 have been so rewritten and their respective independent claims and intervening claims (i.e., claims 1, 12, 15, 22, 28, 38, 42, 48, 58, 48 and 59) have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have made every effort to accurately incorporate the limitations of the independent claim and any intervening claims into each of the allowable claims. However, the Examiner is requested to review the allowable claims to ensure that each has been accurately rewritten.

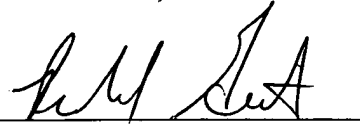
The claims canceled herein are canceled solely to allow a patent to issue as quickly as possible with the subject matter that the Examiner has indicated as allowable, and not because Applicants conceded that they are not patentable. Applicants intend to pursue the subject matter canceled by this amendment in one or more continuing applications.

Each of the remaining claims (including newly added claims 67-74) depends from one of the claims indicated as being allowable.

All outstanding issues are believed to be resolved and the application as presented is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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